

REPORT OF THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Alton Parks and Recreation~ Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs.

The Alton Parks and Recreation-Grounds and Maintenance Department is located on Route 11 across from Levey Park. The Department is open 7:00am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday, year round. The Department is responsible for organizing, planning and promoting recreational activities to improve the quality of life for members of the Alton community and is also responsible for the maintenance of Town buildings, parks and recreation areas.

The Department has been busy this year with Town facility projects. Pearson Road Community Center has received improvements with remodeling and re-organization of space in cooperation with the CAP program. The boat dock benches have been replaced. The first stage of the Town Beach revitalization project was completed this fall under the direction of the Alton Beach Committee with the installation of a perched beach with lake access and walkway to Harmony Park. The Beach Committee is currently working on stage two of the Town Beach project to include a covered picnic area, landscaping, sand replenishment, and park benches. Bryce St. Cyr completed his Eagle Scout Project by organizing, leading and completing renovations and improvements to the Alton Bay Land Bandstand. Mr. St. Cyr re-shingled the building roof, sealed the concrete floor, painted the structure, constructed new stairs and added more picnic table seating to the park. The improvements are visible and make the Railroad Square Park a great resource to our Town.

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to take advantage of the great parks and recreation areas in our community. They are local, free and a great place to spend time with family and friends. There are quiet green spaces to relax and be passive and places to exercise and be active. We are fortunate as a Town to have many choices for outdoor recreation and play. Town facilities are also open to the public for family, group or organization events. To schedule the use of any Town facility contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 875-0109, parksrec@alton.nh.gov, www.altonparksandrecreation.com.

Town of Alton Parks and Recreation Facilities:

- Liberty Tree Park: Waterfront park, river access, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, sand volleyball court, skateboard park, picnic area, slide and swings, water fountain, canoe launch, park benches;
- Jones Field: Baseball field, softball field, practice soccer field, playground, fishing, picnic area, river, access, canoe launch;
- Railroad Square Park: Lake access, waterfront park, picnic area, swim dock, park benches, boat launch, public restrooms, flower gardens, bandstand, water fountain, fishing, public boat docks, kiosk;
- Harmony Park: Covered picnic area, fishing, water fountain, scenic views;
- Alton Town Beach: Lake access, perched sandy beach, public restrooms, swimming, park benches;
- Alton Bay Community Center and Pearson Road Community Center: Available for rental, meeting room/function hall, kitchen with stove, restrooms;
- Ginny Douglas Park: Scenic flower gardens, park benches, gazebo, picnic area;
- Half Moon Lake: Boat launch, picnic area;
- West Alton Beach: Swim area with scenic views;
- A.V.A.S. Public Park: Information kiosk, picnic area;

A special thank you to the Garden Club, Youth Soccer Coaches and Basketball Coaches and the Parks and Recreation Commission members: Dave Cumming, William Lionetta, and Melissa Wells who donate their time, energy and ideas to the community in order for us to provide valuable services, programs and facilities. Together we are creating community through people, parks and programs.

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Troendle~Certified Parks and Recreation Professional